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SUBJECT: ANAPRA BORDER CROSSING

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1. THE NEWLY CREATED NEW MEXICO BORDER COMMISSION HELD MEETINGS IN CIUDAD JUAREZ AUGUST 30-31, ATTENDED BY GOVERNOR BRUCE KING OF NEW MEXICO AND JACK WILLIAMS OF ARIZONA, TEXAS GOVERNOR DOLPH BRISCOE AND CHIHUAHUA GOVERNOR OSCAR FLORES, UNABLE TO ATTEND DUE TO PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS (BRISCOE) ON TEXAS TRADE MISSION TO JAPAN AND FLORES IN MEXICO CITY FOR MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA), SENT REPRESENTATIVES. U.S. OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WERE GOODWIN SHAPIRO, US CONSUL, CIUDAD JUAREZ; EDWARD MCGLYNN, SR. STAFF ADVISOR, INSPECTION AND CONTROL, US CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON D.C.; CLEBURNE MAIER, REGIONAL COMMISSION OF CUSTOMS, HOUSTON, TEXAS; AND ROBERT N. BATTARD, DISTRICT DIRECTOR, US CUSTOMS, EL PASO, TEXAS.

2. THE OPENING SESSION AUGUST 30 DEVOTED MAINLY TO
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WELCOMING SPEECHES BY MAYOR OF CIUDAD JUAREZ, MARIO

JAQUEZ PREVENCIO, AND CHIHUAHUA GOVERNOR (READ BY STATE OFFICIAL SENT TO REPRESENT HIM), AND ADDRESSES BY GOVERNORS KING AND WILLIAMS---ALL HEAVILY LACED WITH EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL AND DESIRE TO PROMOTE TRADE AND COMMERCE, TOURISM AND BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND MEXICO. IT WAS APPARENT, HOWEVER, THAT MAIN THRUST OF NEW MEXICO BORDER COMMISSION MEETINGS WAS AIMED AT BRINGING ABOUT OPENING OF PROPOSED ANAPRA PORT OF ENTRY. WHILE COMMITTEES MEET ON AUGUST 31 TO CONSIDER MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO THE US AND MEXICO (AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK, ART AND CULTURE, TRADE AND COMMERCE, PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, BANKING AND FINANCE, SPORTS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION), THE LARGEST GROUP, TERMING ITSELF A TASK FORCE, WAS CHARGED WITH BRINGING ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ANAPRA PORT OF ENTRY. FOLLOWING ITS DELIBERATIONS, THIS GROUP PROPOSED A RESOLUTION, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE FULL COMMISSION, CALLING FOR THE GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO, THE GOVERNOR OF CHIHUAHUA, AND THE MAYOR OF CIUDAD JUAREZ TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND TO MEXICO DF IN THE NEAR FUTURE (POSSIBLY AT THE END OF OCTOBER OR FIRST PART OF NOVEMBER) TO MEET WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO PUSH FRUITION OF THE PROJECT, IN WASHINGTON, THE GROUP WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARIES OF STATE AND TREASURY; IN MEXICO THEY WILL SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH THE CORRESPONDING CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIALS.

3. DETAILED AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.

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